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Good Afternoon Everyone,

In response to the earthquake that struck Virginia this week and the potential for severe weather this weekend from Hurricane Irene, the Department of Social Services' Division of Licensing Programs would like to remind you to review your emergency preparedness and response plan and make any necessary updates or revisions. Additionally, we encourage you to remind your staff to have a personal/family response plan to ensure their safety away from the workplace.

The events of this week remind us all that emergencies can happen when we least expect them and we must always be prepared. To assist you in your preparedness please consult the following websites:

Virginia Department of Emergency Management: www.vaemergency.gov

Ready Virginia: www.vaemergency.gov/ReadyVirginia

Federal Emergency Management Agency: www.fema.gov

National Hurricane Center: www.nhc.noaa.gov

Thank you.